

Boys DIII XC State Champions



On Saturday, November 5, 2022, the Mount Gilead High School Boys Cross Country team made school history by being the first XC team to earn the title of State Champions. The team finished in 1st place with a score of 82 - a whopping 69 points ahead of runner-up Ottawa Hills. Sophomore Will Baker crossed the finish line first for MG, placing 10th overall with a time of 16:16.90. Junior Parker Bartlett and Senior Reed Supplee joined Baker at the finish just three runners later in 13th and 14th places. Rounding out the win were Senior Aaron Gannon in 37th place; Freshman Owen Hershner in 73rd; Junior Nathan Smith in 174th and Freshman Gage Baker in 183rd. Congrats to our Best-in-Ohio Runners!!!

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From the Desk of Dr. Zack Howard, Superintendent

As a school district superintendent, some of my most proud moments come when I hear feedback from our stakeholders about our kids in the community. I had one of those proud moments recently when I had a parent that attended the Washington, DC trip with our Middle School students reach out to share their thoughts on our students' behavior. Below is what was shared:

"I just wanted to share something with you as a parent. I went on the DC trip and I wanted you to hear this from a parent. I witnessed how much great care and personal attention your Middle School Principal and teachers and staff gave to these kids. They managed medicine and personal needs of each kid. When we were at the memorials the teachers reminded the kids about the sacrifices that were made for them and we are to be respectful and pay tribute. Your Mount Gilead kids were amazing.

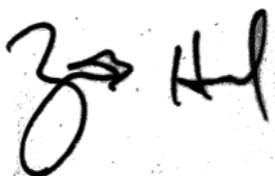
I was extremely proud of them. I saw other kids from other schools there being loud and running around. Not your kids. They took it all in and were extremely respectful. Having close family members that fought in WW2 and Vietnam I can assure you they would be honored.

We had to keep them moving at the Holocaust Museum because they were so curious but they understood and were quiet and you could tell wanted to earn. So I say well done to you and your staff. You should be - and I know you are - extremely proud of your staff and students."

The truth is, I am very proud of them! We do have great students! I think we should celebrate this as a community because instilling values and respectful behavior in our youth is a shared endeavor.

It's a pleasure to serve our community as your superintendent!

With Gratitude,



Dr. Zack Howard
MGEVS Superintendent



Submitted Photo

Students in 7th and 8th grade had the opportunity to go to Gettysburg, PA and Washington D.C. in October. The trip took them to the Gettysburg Battlefield; various memorials and monuments; the Smithsonian and Holocaust museums, National Mall and ended with a stop at George Washington's Mount Vernon and Estates on their way home. Shown above, students on the trip in front of the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial) in Washington, D.C.

Curriculum and Development Updates

In order to help our students learn and grow, teachers have to determine what students already know and what gaps they have. We do that with our Benchmark Assessments given three times a year for Math & Reading in K-8th grade. For many years we have used a program called iReady for this purpose. Besides testing, iReady also has built in practice programs for students, progress monitoring tools, identifies gifted students, and can be used as an alternate assessment for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. That makes it a versatile assessment tool, but it is also lengthy and doesn't always give teachers the specific information they need to adjust their instruction.

Before making changes to our assessments we are required to pilot a new program first. Last Spring the 8th grade piloted STAR from Renaissance. Based on that experience STAR has been adopted for all Middle Schoolers in Math & Reading. STAR is a quicker assessment that still includes progress monitoring and can help identify gifted students. We also purchased the Accelerated Reader program from Renaissance to pair with it to get more students reading independently. Time is set aside during the Middle School's crunch period dedicated to reading.

Park Avenue still uses iReady for Math & Reading, but 1st grade & Kindergarten are part of a pilot for a Reading assessment called DIBELS. This is due to some of the changes required by the new Dyslexia laws and our literacy grant for PreK-2 called Each Child Reads. We are hopeful that these new tools will help us better identify and address student learning needs. If you are looking for ways to support your students' reading ability at home here are some fun and free ideas:

- Have your student read to a pet or a younger sibling
- Turn closed captioning on for videos or TV
- Listen to audiobooks in the car
- Watch read-alouds on YouTube [#readaloudforkids](#)

College Credit Plus Meeting December 5th

Ohio's College Credit Plus can help students earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking college courses from community colleges or universities. The purpose of this program is to promote rigorous academic pursuits and to provide a wide variety of options to college-ready students

Representatives from Marion Technical College, The Ohio State University and Mount Vernon Nazarene University will present information about the College Credit Plus program on **Monday, December 5th at 6 PM**. This meeting is for any 7-12th grade student interested in taking college-level courses while enrolled as a student at Mt. Gilead. The meeting will be held in the MGHS Auditoria and is expected to last an hour.

For more information, contact the High School Guidance Department at (419) 947-6065 x 1031


CollegeCredit
PLUS

In the Kitchen(s) with the Director of Food and Nutrition

Great changes are happening in your school's cafeteria this year!

Did you know The Nutrition Group is now managing Mount Gilead's school cafeteria program? The Nutrition Group, based out of Irwin PA, manages more than 270 accounts in 7 states (PA, OH, MI, NJ, VA, FL, and SC), with 62 accounts in Ohio. We are super excited to start our journey with them here at Mount Gilead!

We will be making changes all year, but in the first couple of months of school some things that your students should already be seeing is options. For instance, at PAE, we offer what is listed on the menu each day along with homemade peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, at least 2 types of deli sandwiches, and 1 entrée salad. At the middle and high school, we offer the same options as the elementary but also on Monday, Wednesday and Friday we offer homemade pizza and on Tuesday and Thursday we offer grill items (hamburgers or cheeseburgers, chicken nuggets, etc.). Each day at all the schools we offer a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, along with assorted canned fruit and a hot vegetable.

In November students will be able to buy snacks in all the buildings. These will be an additional cost to the students and all students will need to have money on their lunch account or cash for these snacks. Snacks will vary depending on location and will follow the USDA smart snack guidelines.

Did you know that you can access the school's menu right from your smart phone? Simply go to your device's app store and download NutriSlice (or simply visit <https://mtgilead.nutrislice.com/menu/>). The app allows you to find the school(s) you're interested in and locate the day or monthly menu offerings.

Did you know the USDA's Free Breakfast and Lunch Program has ended? For the past two years, the USDA has offered waivers to School Food Service Programs across the United States, allowing these programs to offer all students breakfast and lunch at no cost to you. Unfortunately, these waivers expired on June 30, 2022.

Families now have to pay for school meals. Meal prices for this school year are as they were pre-COVID. District-wide breakfast is \$1.50 (\$.30 reduced). For Lunch the meal prices are as follows: Park Avenue a paid student is \$2.75 (reduced \$.40); middle and high school, a paid student is \$3.00, (reduced student is \$.40). If a student qualifies either through being directly certified by the state or through the free and reduced application, the student may receive a free or reduced breakfast and lunch daily. If you feel that you could meet the qualifications, please ask the students school secretary to send home a free and reduced application with your student and turn it back in.

Did you know that the Free & Reduced Lunch Application can be filled out anytime? If your income changes anytime throughout the school year - request an application and send it back in. Simply call your child's school and ask for one to come home with your student.

Did you know that each student has their own lunch account? A lunch account is a unique number each student uses every time they purchase something from the cafeteria. Do you want to know what your student is buying each day? Do you want to see if your student has any money on his or her lunch account? Maybe you want to add money to his or her lunch account. Did you know that there's also an app for that! Download PaySchools Central (or visit <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>) and you can do all that from the palm of your hand.

As your cafeteria staff we strive to make the students breakfast and lunch an amazing experience and the staff works very hard at that each day. We understand that somedays we may fall short but do know that we come back the next day to try and make it a better. If you ever have any questions, please reach out to me and I will address them with you. I can be reached at (419) 947-6065 extension 1021 or by email at apauley@mgschools.org.

Submitted by Autumn Pauley, Director of Food & Nutrition



Dear Members of the Class of 2023.....

The deadline to submit senior portraits for the 2023 Mount Gilead Yearbook is Friday, March 17!!!

Senior Portrait Requirements and Deadlines

- ♦ Vertical (up and down) portraits only.
- ♦ You must be featured from the waist up. **Full body length photos will not be accepted.** You will need to crop the picture before submitting.
- ♦ No props or sunglasses in the picture: you must be the focus of the photo.
- ♦ No watermarks or photography company logos.
- ♦ **Images must be at least 300dpi.** Use the photographer's original image not a download from social media or a screen shot.
- ♦ Turn in the digital image by email or on a flash drive. Hard copy prints can be submitted but they will not look as nice in print.
- ♦ Turn in photo to Mrs. Gerber in room 112 or email photos to: jgerber@mgschools.org

NOTICE: Students who do not submit a senior photo or submit an unacceptable picture will have their Life-touch portrait used instead.

MGMS Students get Hands-On History Lesson with trip to Gettysburg, Washington D.C.



Key Club Hosts Trunk or Treat

The Mount Gilead Key Club, an international service organization for high school students sponsored by Kiwanis International, hosted a Trunk or Treat at the high school on October 26th.

Due to cold, rainy weather, the event was moved inside where different organizations set up tables in the auditoria. Students dressed up in their best costumes and walked table to table getting as much candy as possible. There were games, snacks, and prizes for costumes and best



Above left: Key Club members Sam Baer and Olivia Kissling present Key Club president Natalie Waugh with the award for the #1 Trunk for their Christmas theme."

JOG Week held in conjunction with Halloween

For Halloween the MGHS Jobs for Ohio's Graduates students held J.O.G week for the entire school to participate in! The week was filled with lots of fun activities, and events, such as a class pumpkin decorating contest, a pie eating contest, a door decorating contest, and a costume contest. Students who participated, and won were awarded with a gift card, and the winners of class contests received donuts, and chocolate milk!

J.O.G week allows students to have fun, and show off their creativity, while also adding a little Halloween spirit to the school halls! We would like to thank Pizza Hut, McDonalds, 8 Sisters Bakery and Subway for making donations. Pictures show some of our activities.

Submitted by Madilyn Elson (Gerry Hartman- advisor)



SRO Turner a Welcome Presence in MG Schools

This school year, MGEVS and the Mt. Gilead Police department teamed up to provide Officer Micheal Turner in the District as a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO). While Officer Turner is typically no stranger to community events, he was able to attend the Park Avenue Elementary Glow Dance, home Varsity Football Games, Homecoming Parade, and Powderpuff Football Game. He has been a "mystery reader" in Mrs. Jolliff's class (shown right) and can also be seen in the mornings doing crosswalk duty between schools.

In addition to having a police presence at all times during school hours, Officer Turner has confiscated 16 vapes from middle and high school students; made 6 traffic stops for speeding on Park Avenue (a 20 mph zone all the time!); made 1 arrest of a suspicious person; created a hygiene/supply donation box for high school students; participated in Red Ribbon Week with Park Avenue students; and gave a presentation to 5th graders on stealing/lying/bullying.



SRO Turner reads to Mrs. Jolliff's class as one of her weekly "Mystery Readers"

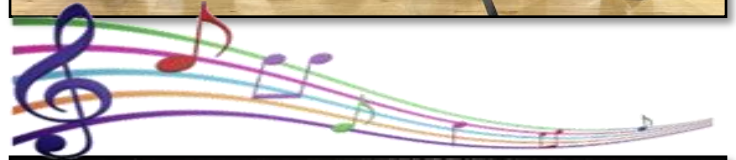
🎵 Notes from the Music Department 🎵

The Mount Gilead Music Boosters have been working very hard this year so far! We elected new officers and have a full group of dedicated music parents to make things happen! We have had great turnouts at our meetings and are very excited! We were able to open up the SNACK SHACK. This is the concession stand on the visitors side of the field during home games. It's mostly just popcorn, candy, and hot and cold drinks for right now but we are working on more! If you have a student in the music program, please consider coming to our meetings the first Monday of every month starting at 7PM in the band room.

We had a good turnout for our HAUNTED GYM on Trick or Treat night. The Cherry Street gym was transformed into a ghoulish walk-thru that was not for the faint of heart! Thank you to all who helped put this together! Big shout out to the Irwins and the Neals for all of their scary decorations!

We held a Cabaret on October 20th and everyone was amazed at all the talented kids we have here at MG! Wow! We heard from all the choirs in the high school, including Concert Choir, Symphonic Choir, and Show choir, as well as solos from many talented students.

The Marching Band did a phenomenal job this football season! They played various pieces directed by both Ross Runyan and Cierra Culler. It was a fantastic season and the band supported every single game with style and spirit! Congratulations to our seniors for having a great final session.



Middle School Academic Challenge Team Ready for Upcoming Season

The Academic Challenge Team returns for its second year back at Mount Gilead Middle School. Academic Challenge is a trivia-based competition that pulls grade-appropriate questions from school subjects like math, history, language arts, and science, as well as entertainment and pop culture like sports, movies, politics, and more!

Throughout this year, students will test their trivia knowledge, build confidence, create meaningful relationships, and learn to work together as a team to highlight everyone's varying strengths! Our biggest motto is "Always with Confidence" showing that whether we are correct or not, we should be confident enough in ourselves to at least try!

This year, our group has nearly doubled with our 32 members! Our team captains are Addison Rogers (8th Grade), Henry Bartlett (7th Grade), Alora Hammer (7th Grade), and Brenna Leonhard (7th Grade) and coached by Abby Baer.

Our team will compete in three different tournaments at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center in Mansfield on January 11th, March 9th, and May 10th. The public is welcome to come and cheer on our Academic Indians!



Members of the MGMS Academic Challenge team. The group will compete at MOESC against other Middle School teams three times this school year.

PBIS at PAE Offers Positive Encouragement and Support

The Park Avenue PBIS Team, staff, and students have had an exciting start to the 2022-2023 school year! We started the year with a "PBIS kick-off assembly" for our students and also "lunch with your student" with our families!

During the PBIS assembly we discussed student expectations while at school, PBIS Rewards Application, and School-Wide Acknowledgement Trips. At the end of the assembly we played a fun, messy, shaving cream cheese ball game and whoever's grade level team had the most cheese balls on top of the teacher's head, got to put a whipped cream pie in Mr. Kamenski's face (pictured right)! What a fun, exciting mess!

The PBIS Rewards Application allows students to earn points for following Park Avenues 3 expectations of being responsible, respectful, and safe. All staff are able to give points, and on Friday's students get to spend their points at our school store. At the beginning of the year, every student was sent home a letter with a QR code to download your students' PBIS app and view their points. This is a great way to stay involved and see your students' points!

Our School-Wide Acknowledgement Trips allows every student a chance to attend one of our field trips at the end of every quarter when qualifying based on good attendance, behavior, and turning in their work! This year's trips include movies, roller skating, blue fusion, and altitude jump park. Last year, every quarter showed improved data, and increased participation. These trips are covered by fundraising efforts, and are free for every student.



Tis the Season..... Calamity Delays and Days

In the event our schools need to close or delay because of inclement weather, power outages, water supply issues, etc., please look for messages from the following:

OneCall (text, email and/or Phone Call) ; online at www.MGSchools.org; Facebook; and Class DoJo.

Local Radio stations will also be notified.

To get connected with One Call (all buildings) or Class DoJo (PAE and MGMS only) contact the secretary at your child's school building:

Please note, if school is closed, the offices will be closed as well!

Park Avenue Elementary:
(419) 946-5736

Mount Gilead Middle School:
(419) 947-9517

Mount Gilead High School:
(419) 947-6065

NEW!

If school is on a two-hour delay, a quick, grab-and-go breakfast will be available to all of our students. Regular rates apply.



MG FFA Students Score Well at County Soils Contest

Take 1st at Districts, Move on to States



On September 22nd, the Morrow County SWCD organized a soil judging event for all the High School FFA classes in the county. Schools divided their students into teams of four students. Each student is scored individually and with either a rural or urban team.

The Urban Team event requires students to answer questions about soil properties, give an overall rating for the land and submit recommended management practices. The soil properties include slope, landform, flood hazard, soil stability, soil texture, depth to seasonal high water table and depth to bedrock. The urban soils team can evaluate soil to select the best locations for houses, roads, plants, and septic systems.

The Rural/AG Team event requires students to answer questions about land description, land capability, land use and recommended conservation practices. Land description sub-categories include slope, erosion or depth of topsoil, texture of surface soil, depth of soil and natural drainage ability. The ag soils team can evaluate soil to select the best locations for plant growth, compaction, erosion, and best management practices.

From this event, Individuals who qualified to move on to District Soils for the Urban Team were: Miguel Martinez, Hunter Meimer, Emily Mattix, Megan Beck and Colton Beck. The individuals who moved onto District Soils for the Ag Team were: Shay Irwin, Cody Meimer, Brogan Pfeiderer, Garrett Baldwin, Eli Shrader and Peyton Clark. Thank you to the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Swetland Family for making this competition possible. Congratulations to everyone.

On September 27th, 12 individuals attended the District Soils Contest. The Ag and Urban Teams finished on top, in *First Place for District 6*. Those who moved onto the State Soils Contest for the Urban team were: Hunter Meimer (4th), Emily Mattix (7th), and Colton Beck (9th). The individuals who moved onto the State Soils Contest for the Ag Team were Cody Meimer (4th), Shay Irwin (6th), Brogan Pfeiderer (7th) and Garret Baldwin (21st). Congratulations to everyone who participated.

On October 8th, the State Soils Contest was held. The Ag Soils team finished 16 out of 46 teams. Shay Irwin was the top team scorer finishing in 27th place out of 164 contestants. The Urban team who was shorthanded by two members on Saturday, finished in 35th place. Hunter Meimer placed 51 out of 164.

Information and photo provided by Emma Kincaid, Mount Gilead FFA Chapters reporter



Chief's Club Offers Enrichment Opportunities

Chiefs Club is a before and after school educational enrichment program for students K-5 at Park Avenue. We are funded through a federal grant called 21st Century Community Learning Centers and the Galion Y is our community Partner. We must provide academic support in Math and Reading to our students along with Youth Development, STEM activities and Parent Engagement.



We start each afternoon with a snack and brain break time for 30 minutes where we rotate fun activities by grade level. These include movies, gym time, board games, puzzles & crafts and playground time (weather permitting). We follow this with our intervention time from 3:30-4:30 where students get tutoring, homework help, spend time on iReady and writing. After intervention we have a themed lesson and activity.

With the school lunch program no longer being free, we are currently looking for sponsors to help us cover the costs of snacks so we can keep the program completely free for our families. The grant does not include snack funds, though we are required to provide it. We are always looking for more community partners, if you can help, please contact Director Erin Whipple (ewhipple@mgschools.org).

Information provided by Erin Whipple, Chief's Club Director

LITERACY AT PARK AVENUE

Over the past few years, Park Avenue has been updating and improving its reading curriculum to match growing research in the science of reading. Teacher training has also been an area of focus. We are committed to teaching strategies that are proven to help all students learn to read!

READING CURRICULUM

WRITING CURRICULUM

Amplify CKLA

Teaches Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension strategies through interesting Social Studies and Science topics. This helps students build background knowledge in a variety of areas.

Amplify CKLA

Grammar, Syntax, Composition

Fundations

Word Study/Decoding(Phonics)

Handwriting/Spelling

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

- teachers
- secretaries
- custodians
- cafeteria
- bus drivers
- maintenance
- paraprofessionals/aides

Interested in joining the MGEVS family?

Applications are available M-F at the Board of Education office. For more information, email Teri Gray at tgray@mgschools.org or by calling (419) 946-1646

Blood Drive

MG's National Honor Society will sponsor blood donation drives on:

Tuesday, November 15 and

Tuesday, January 24

12:30-6:30

Mount Gilead Church of Christ

Schedule your appointment today at RedCrossBlood.org

National Honor Society Inducts Nine New Members



On August 25, 2022, the Mount Gilead High School National Honor Society Chapter held an induction night for the new junior and senior members of the chapter! There were nine new members inducted on Tuesday, and they all were excited to jump into this new chapter of their lives! During the induction, we had a dessert table of cupcakes and cake and made a fruit punch bowl and brewed coffee. Current members, new members, parents and school staff enjoyed eating and socializing.

Tears were shed when the new members were up on stage and while they were being talked up by the people that inspire them. When new members walked across the stage, they signed their names in the Mount Gilead NHS book and lit candles to show their membership to the chapter. We took pictures and shared laughs and smiles over the new members that will be dedicated to being part of the National Honor Society!

Article and Photo Submitted by Rebeka Clark, MGHS NHS Public Relations Officer



Current Members (back row, left to right): Sam Baer, Ashleah Levings, Kyndra Irwin, Kassandra Webb, Beka Clark, Grace Shipman, Madilyn Elson, Cole Hershner, Carter Kennon, Judah Reid, and Lexi Staats. New Members (front row, left to right): Lydia Leonhard, Elizabeth Leonhard, Parker Bartlett, Mikenzee Clapper, Shelba Fisher, Travis Fox, Emma McDonald, and Aubrey Thomas. Not Pictured: Grace Mosher

MTC's TRIO Program offered to MG Students



Hello Mount Gilead Families! It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself as the new TRIO Talent Search advisor for Mount Gilead Schools grade 6-12. As an alumnus, I am so excited to see the district partner with TRIO to provide students with additional college and career advising. Through the TRIO program your student will be able to go on college visits and field trips, as well as receive 1 on 1 advising. Topics include FASFA, career exploration, college exploration, ACT prep and much more. I am so excited to be back working with my community and helping students create the future that is designed for them.

For more information on how to sign your student up please contact me at hashmanh@mtc.edu or click on the TRIO logo to the right to access an online application.



Hanna Hashman, MGEVS Class of 2017

ART IN OUR SCHOOLS

Park Avenue

Fifth grader, Quinton Burtin is the featured artist for Park Avenue Elementary School.

He is 11 years old and would like to have a career in art someday. Quinton was around seven years old when he realized he liked art. His favorite thing to draw is anime. Quinton draws on a daily basis. He also likes swimming, football and hanging out with siblings and friends.

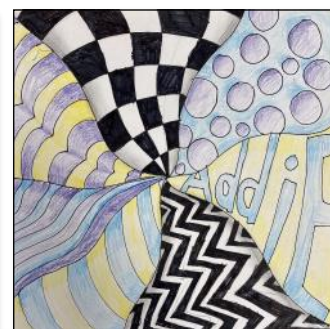


Middle School



This quarter's featured Middle School Artist is 6th grader Addie Baisden Napper. Addie is currently in 6th grade art and is also a member of MGMS Art Club.

Pictured artworks are Addie's 6th grade Portfolio cover made with markers and watercolor paint, radial design project created with markers and colored pencils, chalk pastel flowers on black construction paper, chalk pastel flowers with water on watercolor paper, a drawing submitted for sketch of the week, and Addie is holding the pumpkin she painted in art club. Her favorite artwork she made this quarter is the pastel flowers.



High School



The featured artist in the High School for the first quarter is Darcy Ratliff. Darcy is currently a sophomore at MGHS and is already finding her place in the Mount Gilead art department. She has taken a handful of classes in her first few semesters and Mr. Thompson hopes she will continue taking as many as she can until graduation! She is a very creative student always taking the challenges and mediums within the class and running with them. She is very comfortable problem solving and fine balancing her visual art ideas. She had many things in the annual art show last year and will most likely have many more this year! She puts more effort and time into her work than the average student which usually pushes her work to a more impressive and spotlighted level. She has also recently taken on commissioned jobs for custom paintings by request from those in the community. We are definitely expecting big things in the future as we get to witness her talent!

MG Fall Athletes Make Headlines

The high school boys cross-country team wasn't the only one making headlines for the district this Fall.

For the first time in Indians Varsity Football history, the team won a play-off berth before the end of the regular season. Closing with a winning 6-4 regular season (the first winning season since 2004), they went into the game against Worthington Christian with a lot of heart and desire to win. Unfortunately, Worthington Christian prevailed, ending the playoff journey. JV Football finished their season 2-6.

Our girl's cross-country team ended their season placing 3rd in the KMAC and qualified to run at regionals. Sophomore Kimberly Staley qualified to run at State where she finished 90th in the state with a time of 21:06.05.

Senior golfer Steven Street finished his season strong, placing 4th in the KMAC and advancing to Districts.

In volleyball action, MGHS Girl's Varsity finished the season 4-19, while the JV Volleyball finished 6-16 while the Freshman Volleyball team finished 3-8.

At the Middle School, the football team finished the year with a 5-3 record, advancing to the first round of the playoffs.

In MS volleyball action, MGMS 7th grade girls volleyball finished their season strong with a 10-9. 8th grade struggled, but pushed through finishing the season 2-19.

Our MS Boys Cross Country runners placed 2nd in the KMAC with 7th graders Henry Bartlett and 8th Grader Ethan Turner finishing in the top 11. Girls XC runners finished 4th in the KMAC with 8th grader Sophie Mosher landing in the top 11.

Congratulations to all of our athletes!



Senior Golfer Steven Street



7th Grade XC Runner
Gwen Hershner

8th Grade XC Runner
Ethan Turner



Varsity Volleyball team



Middle School Football Team



MGHS XC cheering on State Competitor, Kimberly Staley



Varsity Football Seniors



MGMS 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Team

Pictures provided by Social Media feeds for each team

Mt. Gilead FFA Members Awarded National American FFA Degree

Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

The American FFA Degree is bestowed upon a select group of students in recognition of their years of academic and professional excellence. This year 4,305 American Degrees were awarded. Holly Gompf, Olivia Looker, Braelyn Pfeleiderer members of the Mt. Gilead FFA chapter in Mt. Gilead Ohio, were awarded the American FFA Degree at the 95th National FFA Convention & Expo Oct. 26-29. Sponsored by Case IH, Elanco Animal Health, PepsiCo Inc., and Syngenta, the award recognizes demonstrated ability and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing or service programs.

To be eligible, FFA members must have earned and productively invested \$10,000 through a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program in which they own their own business or hold a professional position as an employee. Recipients must also complete 50 hours community service and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities and civic involvement through completion of a long list of FFA and community activities. Less than one percent of FFA members achieve the American FFA Degree.

Each recipient of the American FFA Degree receives a gold American FFA Degree key and certificate after being recognized at the national convention.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 735,000 student members as part of 8,817 local FFA chapters in all 50 States Puerto Rico.



Shown above (l to r) are State Degree recipients Braelyn Pfeleiderer, Holly Gompf and Olivia Looker at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN.



Attention Alumni: If your class is having a reunion and you'd like to spread the word, or if you've already met and would like to share information or pictures, please contact *The Communicator* Editor Kelly Hand at khand@mgschools.org or (419) 947-9517 x 2218

FREE Books Mailed to Kids Birth through Age 5

Did you know that children 5 years of age and younger are eligible for a free book each month as part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library?!

In Morrow County, only 48% of eligible children are participating in this amazing program. This means that over 1,000 eligible children are not receiving their free book each month.

Mt. Gilead Preschool has been working to enroll children in this program during our preschool screenings and have helped approximately 25 children sign up for this program in the past two months!

If you are interested in signing up for this free program, please scan the QR code to the right or visit the at: ohioimaginationlibrary.org/enroll



Imagine... "Whirled Peace"

In today's world, peace needs to become more than just a word. On September 21, 2022, students at Park Avenue Elementary took part in an International art and literacy project, Pinwheels for Peace by "planting" pinwheels with messages of peace.

Pinwheels for Peace is an art installation project started in 2005 by two Art teachers, Ann Ayers and Ellen McMillan, of Coconut Creek, Florida, as a way for students to express their feelings about what's going on in the world and in their lives. In the first year, groups in over 1,325 locations throughout the world were spinning pinwheels on September 21st - there were approximately 500,000 pinwheels spinning throughout the world. At last count, in 2019, over 4.5 million pinwheels were spinning in over 3,500 locations, including the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia, Canada, the Middle East, Africa and South America.



Park Avenue Students Ben Pidcock and Hazel Wolfel show off the pinwheels they created .

This project is non-political – peace doesn't necessarily have to be associated with the conflict of war, it can be related to violence/intolerance in our daily lives, to peace of mind. To each of us, peace can take on a different meaning, but, in the end, it all comes down to a simple definition: "a state of calm and serenity, with no anxiety, the absence of violence, freedom from conflict or disagreement among people or groups of people."



Mt. Gilead Athletic Boosters

www.facebook.com/mgindians

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Please join us!

- Regular meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm, at MGHS
- Contact us to get involved in a committee: Fundraising ~ Concessions ~ Swag
- Purchase MG gear from our SWAG WAGON - all proceeds from every sale directly benefit MG student athletes.
- Show your **MG PRIDE** by attending athletic events to support our athletes!
- Follow us on Facebook!

The mission of the Mt. Gilead Athletic Boosters is to promote continuous involvement, excitement, and pride among our students, parents, and community, in order to provide the resources necessary to support all athletes, coaches, and programs.



MG Celebrates Homecoming with Week-Long Events

Homecoming week kicked off a bit early with the dance leading the way on September 24, hosted by the Student Council and music provided by Mr. Runyan. There was a photo booth and also photos taken by Caden Mosher.

The following week, students held "Spirit Week" consisting of PJ Day, Streetwear vs Prep, Country vs Country Club (Hat Day), Little Miss/Mr., and Class Color Day.

Wednesday was the parade, starting at the Morrow County Fairgrounds and ending at the high school. There were great floats but the overall winner was the JOG (Jobs for Ohio Grads) float.

The pep rally was led by the HS cheerleaders and included cheers, games and introduction of the homecoming court.

**Congratulations to all of our
High School Fall Sports
Athletes who received
All-KMAC honors!**

Football:

Coach of the Year: Mike Reid

1st Team: Matthew Bland, Hayden Krinn, Judah Reid, and Owen High

2nd Team: Garrett George and Gabe Simpson

Honorable Mention: Ben Whitt

All Academic: Carter Kennon

Golf:

1st Team: Steven Street

All Academic: Steven Street

Volleyball:

2nd Team: Grace Mowery

Honorable Mention: Candace Millisor

All Academic: Aspen Hatfield

Boys XC:

KMAC Champions

Coach of the Year: Jake Hayes

Runner of the Year: Will Baker

1st Team: Reed Supplee, Parker Bartlett, Owen Hershner, and Aaron Gannon

2nd Team: Cole Hershner and Nathan Smith

All Academic: Cole Hershner

Girls XC:

1st Team: Haley Pfeifer and Kimberly Staley

2nd Team: Danielle Pohlkotte and Karley Wallace

All Academic: Grace Shipman



Members of the Fall 2022 Mt. Gilead High School Homecoming Court were (left to right): Freshmen Gage Baker and Ruby Rubio; Juniors Mason Barnum and Aubrey Thomas; Seniors Cole Hershner; Tatum Neal; Queen Maddison Hursey; King Garrett George; Cristian Aguirre; Grace Shipman; Luke Young; Mikala Harris; Samuel Baer; Madilyn Elson; and Sophomores Ava Baker and Joseph Baldwin.



MGMS Environmental Club eyes Monarch Butterflies as yearly project

The MGMS Environmental Club kicked off at the beginning of October for the 2022-23 year! This club is focused on raising student awareness of Environmental issues and engages in activities aimed at reducing waste, reusing items and recycling throughout the school year. As an introductory activity, students carved pumpkins, which were donated as decorations for the Haunted Gym at Cherry street that took place on Saturday, 10/29. We dried the seeds from our pumpkins and intend to donate those to the "Seed Library" featured within the Mount Gilead Public Library. We also planted flower bulbs down the East side of the building (adding to one of our ongoing beautification projects) and look forward to seeing the blooms next Spring.

Each year our club selects a cause to support and this year we have chosen the plight of the Monarch Butterfly (which has been declared an endangered species this year). In an effort to support the Monarch, our club aims to turn the raised bed gardens in the back of the school into a perennial pollinator garden. We hope that this project will attract Monarch Butterflies as well as a variety of other local pollinators. Efforts are already underway to eradicate thistles and prepare the green space for winterization so that planting can take place in the Spring.

Submitted by Jennifer Reed (MGMS Environmental Club Advisor)

PTO Schedules Monthly Events, Fundraisers

Park Avenue PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Park Avenue Library. Each year, PTO sponsors two fundraisers (one in the Fall and one in the Spring). Smaller events are also held throughout the year, inviting our Little Indian Families and Friends to have fun and learn through various activities. Earlier this year PTO held a Tailgate party and our first annual Glow Dance. The Fall Book Fair was scheduled for parent/teacher conferences so that families could come visit during their meetings.

November 17th, the PTO will be sponsoring a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) night at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. We invite you to come volunteer or just enjoy the event with their children.

Our Fall Fundraiser items will be available for pick-up in November. More information will be sent home once it is made available.

For up-to-date information, follow us on Facebook at [Park Avenue PTO](#) (parent teacher organization).

Information provided by Erin Whipple for Park Avenue PTO

SAVE
the
DATE

Mount Gilead High School Prom
April 22, 2023

MGHS Theatre Troupe will present

Louisa May Allcott's
Little Women



Dec 1 and 2 at 7:00 pm

Dec 3 at 11:00 am

Tickets are \$5.00

at the door

MGHS Auditoria

Cast of Little Women:

Meg - Marrah Willeke

Jo - Addie Bartlett

Beth - Lily Billups

Amy - A'Lesha White

Teddy Lawrence - Sean Walters

John Brooke - Trey Gingerich

And we are so lucky

to have joining us

Mr. Barr as Mr. March

and Ms. Flora as Aunt March

Stage Crew: Hayleigh Brown,

Alexia Gibson, Aiden Moore,

Baylee Snyder,

Sabashtien Strubhar,

and KT Williams

Directed by Hillary Billups

WINTER ATHLETICS SCHEDULES

High School Boys Basketball		
11/29/2022	@ Loudonville	6:00 PM
11/30/2022	@ Danville (9th)	6:00 PM
12/2/2022	@ Danville	6:00 PM
12/3/2022	Utica	6:00 PM
12/6/2022	@ Northmor	6:00 PM
12/9/2022	Centerburg	6:00 PM
12/12/2022	Northmor (9th)	6:00 PM
12/16/2022	@ Fredericktown	6:00 PM
12/17/2022	Fredericktown (9th)	11:00 AM
12/20/2022	@ East Knox	6:00 PM
12/22/2022	Galion	6:00 PM
12/28/2022	Ridgemont	6:00 PM
1/4/2023	@ Grandview Heights	6:00 PM
1/6/2023	Cardington	6:00 PM
1/7/2023	@ Cardington (9th)	11:00 AM
1/10/2023	Danville	6:00 PM
1/11/2023	Danville (9th)	6:00 PM
1/13/2023	Northmor	6:00 PM
1/14/2023	@ Northmor (9th)	11:30 AM
1/17/2023	@ Centerburg	6:00 PM
1/21/2023	Ridgedale	6:00 PM
1/24/2023	Fredericktown	6:00 PM
1/27/2023	East Knox	6:00 PM
1/28/2023	@ Fredericktown (9th)	11:00 AM
2/3/2023	@ Cardington	6:00 PM
2/4/2023	Cardington (9th)	11:00 AM
2/7/2023	@ Elgin	6:00 PM
2/10/2023	@ Lucas	6:00 PM
2/14/2023	Pleasant (Senior Night)	6:00 PM
2/17/2023	@ Crestline	6:00 PM
2/22/2023	OHSAA Sectional Tourney	

High School Swim	
12/7/2022	@ Elgin/River Valley/Harding
12/10/2022	Granville Invite
12/14/2022	Wynford/Harding/Kenton/Beechcroft/ Pleasant
12/17/2022	Small School Invite @ Mount Vernon
12/20/2022	@ Upper Sandusky/Ada/Wynford/River
12/21/2022	@ Pleasant/Harding/Buckeye Valley
1/5/2023	@ Wynford/River Valley/Elgin
1/11/2023	@ River Valley/Upper Sandusky, Wynford
1/14/2023	Harding/Galion /Buckeye Valley/
1/18/2023	@ Harding/River Valley/Elgin/Ontario
1/20/2023	Buckeye Valley
1/25/2023	Harding/Willard/Beechcroft/Wellington
1/28/2023	NCOSL Meet @ Col. Crawford
1/31/2023	@ Galion

High School Girls Basketball		
11/17/2022	@ Pleasant/Tree of Life	6:00 PM
11/22/2022	Galion	6:00 PM
11/30/2022	@ Danville (Var)	7:30 PM
12/3/2022	Northmor	3:00 PM
12/7/2022	@ Highland	6:00 PM
12/10/2022	Centerburg	6:00 PM
12/12/2022	Lucas (Var)	7:30 PM
12/14/2022	@ Utica	6:00 PM
12/17/2022	@ Fredericktown	1:00 PM
12/19/2022	@ North Union	6:00 PM
12/21/2022	@ East Knox	6:00 PM
12/29/2022	Elgin	6:00 PM
1/7/2023	Cardington	6:00 PM
1/11/2023	Danville (Var)	7:30 PM
1/14/2023	@ Northmor	1:00 PM
1/18/2023	@ Centerburg	6:00 PM
1/21/2023	Ridgedale (Var)	4:30 PM
1/23/2023	Colonel Crawford	6:00 PM
1/28/2023	Fredericktown	6:00 PM
2/1/2023	East Knox	6:00 PM
2/4/2023	@ Cardington	6:00 PM
2/6/2023	Ridgemont (Var) (Senior Night)	6:00 PM
2/9/2022	@ River Valley	6:00 PM
2/15/2022	OHSAA Sectional Tourney	

MOUNT GILEAD GO INDIANS

HS Wrestling	
12/7/2022	@ North Union
12/10/2022	@ Kilted Classic- Highland
12/10/2022	JV @ Reynoldsburg
12/21/2022	MG v Bexley/BV
12/28/2022	@ Harding Classic
12/29/2022	@ Harding Classic
1/7/2023	@ Spartan Wrestling Invite- Lima Senior
1/12/2023	MG v Highland/Pleasant
1/18/2023	@ Crestview Tri (Crestview/Plymouth/
1/27/2023	@ Sally George-Pleasant
1/28/2023	@ Sally George-Pleasant
2/2/2023	MG v Bucyrus/Lexington
2/4/2023	@ Canal Winchester Invite
2/11/2023	MG v Madison Plains/Worthington
2/18/2023	KMAC Tournament @ Northmor
2/25/2023	OHSAA Sectional Tournament
3/4/2023	OHSAA District Tournament
3/10/2023	OHSAA State Tournament

Bowling		
12/2/2022	Ridgedale	4:00 PM
12/3/2022	@ D2 State Kick-Off Tourney	11:00 AM
12/9/2022	Crestline	4:30 PM
12/12/2022	@ River Valley	4:00 PM
12/16/2022	@ Cardington	4:00 PM
12/17/2022	@ Redman Classic	9:00 AM 1:30 PM
12/19/2022	@ Centerburg	4:30 PM
12/20/2022	@Elgin	4:00 PM
1/4/2023	Fredericktown	4:00 PM
1/9/2023	@ Northmor	4:00 PM
1/11/2023	East Knox	4:00 PM
1/12/2023	@ Ridgedale	4:00 PM
1/21/2023	@ Wynford Bowling Classic	10:00 AM
1/25/2023	@ East Knox	4:30 PM
1/27/2023	@ Crestline	4:00 PM
2/1/2023	@ Fredericktown	4:00 PM
2/2/2023	Centerburg	4:00 PM
2/3/2023	Cardington (Senior Night)	4:30 PM
2/7/2023	Northmor	4:00 PM
2/9/2023	Elgin	4:00 PM
2/10/2023	KMAC Girls @ Victory	4:00 PM
2/11/2023	KMAC Boys @ Victory	8:00 AM
2/14/2023	River Valley	4:00 PM
2/17/2023	Sectional Tournament	10:00 AM
2/24/2023	District Tournament	10:00 AM
2/26/2023	All Star Tournament	10:00 AM
3/3/2023	State Tournament	

MS Wrestling	
12/7/2022	@ North Union
12/10/2022	@ Amanda Clearcreek Invite
12/17/2022	@ River Valley Invite
12/21/2022	MG v Bexley/Buckeye Valley
1/7/2023	@ Jacob Andrew's Memorial- Clyde
1/14/2023	@ Highland Invitational
1/18/2023	@ Crestview Tri (Crestview/Plymouth/
1/28/2023	@ John Frye MS Classic- Mount Vernon
2/2/2023	MG v Bucyrus/Lexington
2/18/2023	KMAC Tournament @ Northmor

Season Passes Available

Adult \$80 | Student \$50

Senior \$25 | Family \$220

(Family pass is for 2 adults and K-12 students living in same household)

Passes are available at the High School Office
School Days: M-F, 8 AM to 2:45 PM

MS Boys Basketball		
11/21/2022	Mansfield Christian (Scr)	5:00 PM
12/1/2022	Danville	5:00 PM
12/3/2022	Northmor	9:00 AM
12/8/2022	Lucas	5:00 PM
12/10/2022	@Centerburg	9:00 AM
12/17/2022	Fredericktown (HS)	9:00 AM
12/22/2022	East Knox	5:00 PM
12/27/2022	@Crestline (8th ONLY)	5:00 PM
1/7/2023	@Cardington	9:00 AM
1/12/2023	@Danville	5:00 PM
1/14/2023	@Northmor	9:00 AM
1/19/2023	Centerburg	5:00 PM
1/21/2023	Wynford	10:00 AM
1/26/2023	@Ridgedale	5:00 PM
1/28/2023	@Fredericktown	9:00 AM
2/2/2023	@East Knox	5:00 PM
2/4/2023	Cardington (HS)	9:00 AM
2/6/2023	KMAC Tournament	
2/9/2023	KMAC Tournament	
2/11/2023	KMAC Tournament	

MS Girls Basketball		
11/21/2022	@Mansfield Christian	5:00 PM
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2/6/2023	KMAC Tournament	
2/9/2023	KMAC Tournament	
2/11/2023	KMAC Tournament	



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Important Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

- 12: PAE PTO @ 6:30 PM
- 13: MS Music Program Winter Concert
6 PM - MS and Beginning Band
7 PM - HS Band and Choir
- 14: NHS Pizzaburg Fundraiser (4-7:30 PM)
- 15: PAE Winter Music Program
6:30 PM - 1st Grade
7:30 PM - 3rd Grade
- 15-20: MGHS Marching Band and Choir:
Showcase at Disney World
- 19 & 20: Santa Shop at Park Avenue
- 23-31: NO SCHOOL**
Winter Break

JANUARY

- 3: School Resumes**
- 9: PAE PTO @ 6:30 PM
- 16: NO SCHOOL**
- 19: End of Quarter 2/1st Semester
- 19: PAE PTO Movie Night

- 20: NO SCHOOL** (Teacher Work Day)
- 23: Start of 3rd 9-weeks/2nd Semester
Classes
- 27: All buildings: Grade Card Distribution
and Eligibility Changes
- 28: Ohio Music Education
Association Solo and Ensemble

FEBRUARY

- 9: FFA Alumni Meeting @ 7:00 PM
(Ag Building)
- 13: 8th Grade Parent/Student
Information Night 6 PM
- 13: PAE PTO @ 6:30 PM
- 16: 1-Hour Early Release**
High School P/T Conferences
from 3:30 to 6:30 PM
- 20: No School** (Teacher Work Day)
- 21: 1-Hour Early Release**
High School P/T Conferences
from 3:30 to 6:30 PM

- 25: FFA Pancake Breakfast
7-11 AM @ Gilead Christian

MARCH

- 13: PAE PTO @ 6:30 PM
- 23-29: Artapalooza 2023 at MOESC
- 24: End of 3rd Quarter Classes
- 31: All buildings: Grade Card Distribution
and Eligibility Changes

APRIL

- 3-10: Spring Break, No School**
- 22: MGHS Prom

MAY

- 8: PAE PTO @ 6:30 PM
- 10: MGHS Baccalaureate 7 PM
- 10: MGHS Senior Awards Night 8 PM
- 29: Memorial Day, No School**

JUNE

- 1: Last Day of School